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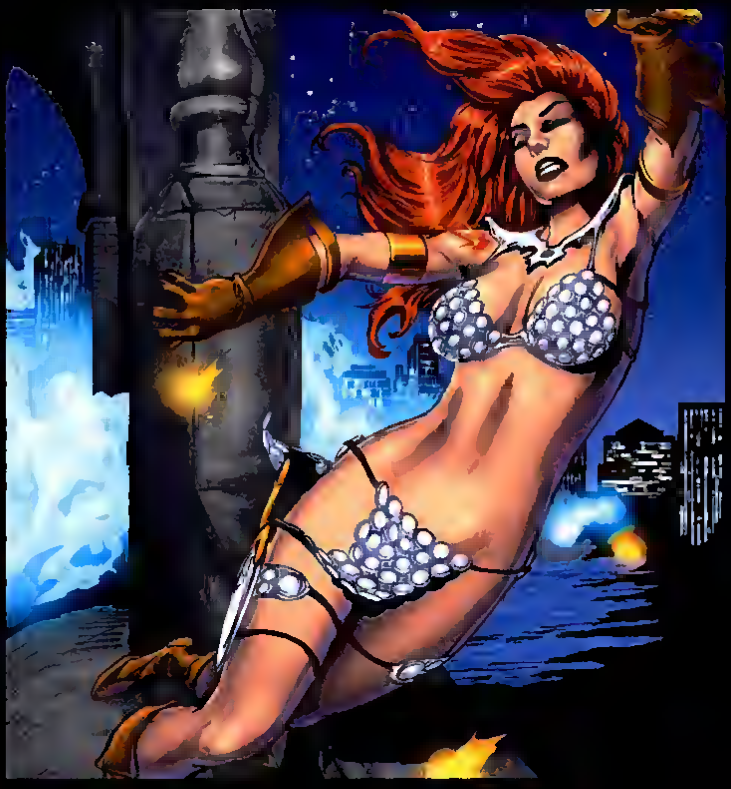
The Hyborian sorcerer Kulan Gath, in an attempt to build a power base from which he can conquer his native land, has once again struck at modern-day Manhattan. Taking over the body of Senator Bryan Glass and altering it into his own twisted image, Kulan unleashed a wave of dark magic that is transforming New York City—and all in it—into a Hyborian version of itself!

Only one man — Peter Parker, the web-slinging Spider-Man — is immune to Gath's magic. To ensure that his wall-crawling foe does not interfere with his plans this time, Gath set his own arch nemesis against him…by transforming Spider-Man's wife, Mary Jane, into the She-Devil with a Sword, Red Sonja!

Sonja attacked the wall-crawler, forcing him to fight against an opponent he knew in reality was MJ! And if that wasn't enough, a new player entered the battlefield — a warrior that Kulan Gath wants as his own — the sinister symbiotic super-villain known as Venom!

While Gath engaged the vicious Venom, Spider-Man and the rest of Gath's prisoners were liberated by the fiery-haired Sonja! Now fighting as allies, Spidey and Sonja were attacked by some familiar faces—Hobgoblin, Scorpion, and the Lizard—now altered by Hyborian magics! Meanwhile, Gath defeated his dark opponent and became…Kulan Venom!

While fending off Spider-Man's altered arch foes, Sonja was swept up into a death-defying aerial duel with the Hyborian Hobgoblin! Meanwhile, Kulan Venom crushed the rebels and took Spidey prisoner! As her airborne battle with the Hobgoblin escalated, Sonja plummeted down into modern Manhattan and found herself in the gun sights of New York's Finest!



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ALL THAT I WAS HAS BEEN *STOLEN* FROM ME. TAKEN FROM MY VERY SOUL. MY *MIND* ACHES FROM IT. MY *SOUL* ACHES...AND YET...
...I FEEL NOTHING.
MOVE YOUR SLAGGIN' SKIN, DOG!
WITHOUT MY *SYMBIOTE,* I AM JUST EDWARD BROCK. I AM *NOTHING.* MY SKIN YEARNS TO BE COMPLETE...NEEDS OUR JOINING, MAKING US *VENOM.*
WAIT... I CAN FEEL IT...
IS THAT MY DARK TWIN? COULD IT BE...?

BY THE GODS...
FEAR NOT, MAN-SPIDER, FOR YOUR LAST BREATH HAS YET TO ESCAPE YOUR PITIFUL SHELL.
I SHALL KEEP YOU ALIVE LONG ENOUGH TO SEE YOUR BELOVED SONJA BLEED OUT IN MY HANDS. BE GRATEFUL FOR THE EXTRA LIFE I BESTOW ON THEE!
YOU'LL NEVER FIND HER, GATH!
I CAN SEE ALL WITHIN MY INFLUENCE YOU FOOL! SHE HAS SIMPLY SLIPPED BEYOND THE WALLS OF MY SPELL! I ONLY NEED TO REACH OUT...

"...THOUGH SHE BE WOUNDED, ALL I NEED IS TO EXTEND MY MAGIC AND CLAIM HER..."
UHH...
OH, NO... THAT CRAZY ENERGY WALL IS EXPANDING!
AAAH!

WH-WHAT IS...?
BLAZING SKULLS! GATH'S TRICKERY WASHES OVER ME.
I AM STILL WOUNDED BY THE STEEL SPIT FROM THE DEMON'S FIST...BUT I SWEAR GATH'S FINAL HOUR IS AT HAND!

"WITHIN MY SPHERE OF POWER, NOTHING ESCAPES MY SIGHT NOR MY INFLUENCE. ALL IS KULAN VENOM'S, AS IT SHOULD BE...
"BRING THE SACRIFICE TO ME, BEFORE SHE SPILLS MORE OF THAT MOST HOLY BLOOD. ALREADY I CAN FEEL A LESSENING OF HER GIFT."
WE SHALL BRING HER TO OUR LORD, KULAN VENOM, ALIVE.
YOU'LL BRING ME IN DEAD OR NOT AT ALL! RAAAA!
YOU SHOULD BE HONORED, RED ONE.
WHAM
IF ONLY I WERE WORTHY ENOUGH TO GIVE MY LIFE...

NNHHH...
WHAT DARK SPELL BINDS ME?
WELCOME BACK TO THE PARTY, RED.
LOOKS LIKE I FAILED YOU
NO.
FOR ONCE I FOUGHT FOR LOVE INSTEAD OF REVENGE...AND IT IS I WHO HAS FAILED BOTH YOU AND YOUR BELOVED WOMAN... WHOSE BODY I HAVE USURPED!

I HAVE NO MORE SPEECHES FOR THESE TWO WORMS. THEY DO NOT DESERVE TO HEAR MY WORDS OR KNOW THEIR FATE. TIME GROWS SHORT...
SURE SOUNDS LIKE A SPEECH TO ME.
SILENCE.
SPLEK
YOUR BLOOD IS MINE TO DO WITH AS I WISH. I SHALL FUNNEL ITS ENERGY INTO MY AMULET, SO I WILL NEVER AGAIN HAVE TO SEEK A NEW BODY. FOR THIS MIGHTY FORM WILL ENSURE MY ULTIMATE VICTORY!

ARE YOUR MEN READY, OLD FRIEND?
SO FAR, SO GOOD, JONAH...WE'RE INSIDE THE CAMP, BUT THEY THINK US CAPTIVES OUR WEAPONS ARE IN PLACE...WE AWAIT YOUR WORD
SO JONAH, WHAT *IS* THE WORD?
MINE! HE'S MINE!!
WHO--?
WHAT? BLASPHEMING *FOOL!*
FRESH MEAT FOR THE MAN WHO TAKES HIS HEAD!
I THINK THAT WILL DO, JOSEPH... READY YOUR MEN!

YOU! RETURN WHAT YOU HAVE STOLEN FROM ME!
THE VENOM IS MINE! MINE!!
WHO DARES INTERRUPT MY MOST HOLY HOUR?
A MONTH'S PAY FOR THE MAN WHO CUTS OUT HIS TONGUE!
NOW! FOR ALL FREE MEN!
NO...THE BLACK BEAST...IT FIGHTS TO LEAVE ME!
SONJA, IF YOU HAVE ANY STRENGTH LEFT, NOW'S THE TIME--
THAT STRANGE WEAPON AND GATH'S FOUL MAGIC HAVE HURT ME, TRUE. BUT WHILE MY STRENGTH MAY BE LOW...MY WILL...

...MY WILL IS BOUNDLESS!
GO, TEAM! BUT YOUR ARM– YOU'VE BEEN SHOT...
IT SHALL TAKE MORE THAN ODD STEEL TO SLOW DOWN A HYRKANIAN WARRIOR! ONE BLESSED BY THE GODDESS HERSELF!
I HATE TO HIT A MAN FROM BEHIND, GATH. BUT IN YOUR CASE, I'LL MAKE A FREAKIN' EXCEPTION!
YES! COME TO ME! LET US BE ONE AGAIN!!

YOU HAVE ESCAPED MY SWORD LONG ENOUGH, GATH!
KSSSSS!! DO NOT TOUCH ME!
YOU DARE PUT YOUR HANDS UPON A GOD?!
WEBS, DON'T FAIL ME NOW!

MY HANDS? YOU DON'T DESERVE TO BE TOUCHED BY MY HANDS...
...BUT YOU WILL FEEL MY BLADE!
I'M NOT SO PICKY! OPEN UP FOR A KNUCKLE SANDWICH!
KRAK
ENOUGH!!

GUARDS, A CHANGE OF PLANS...
...KILL EVERYONE!
WE WILL HARNESS THEIR ENERGY AND REMAKE THIS ENTIRE WORLD NOW!
NO!!
DON'T LET THEM ATTACK THE PEOPLE! DEFEND THEM WITH YOUR LIVES!
YESSSS! COME BACK!
AT LASSST! WE ARE ONE! AND THOSE IMPURE HANDS SHALL NOT INFECT US AGAIN!

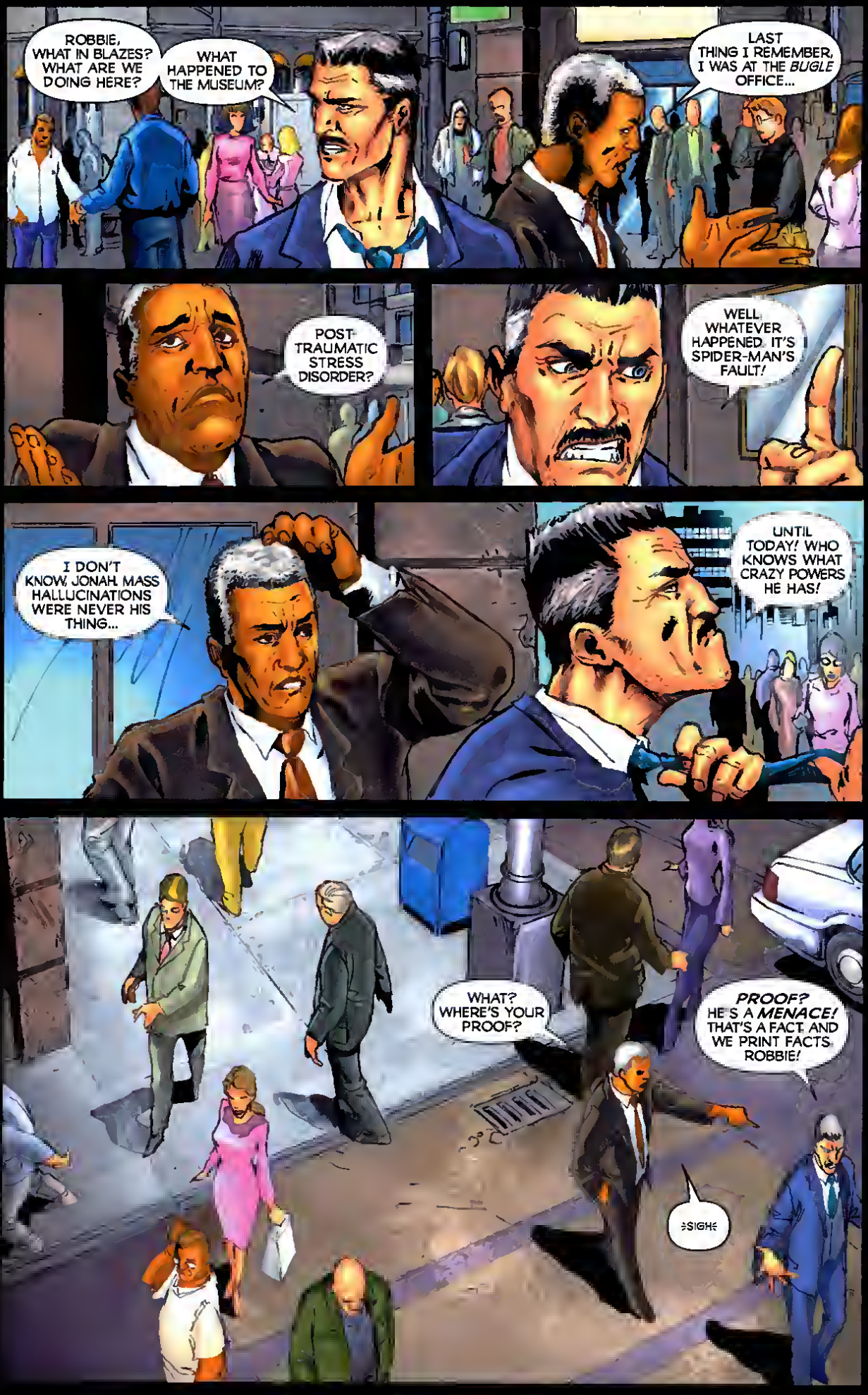
BOTH OF YOU. YOU HAVE COST ME EVERYTHING! AGAIN!
HEY, RED. WANT TO TRY THIS FIGHT FROM A NEW ANGLE?
YES! TAKE ME HIGHER...
...SO THAT I MIGHT RAIN DOWN DEATH FROM ABOVE!
HERE'S MUD IN YOUR EYE, GATH!

AT LONG LAST, I WILL SEE THAT DAMNED AMULET *DESTROYED!*
YOU FOUL--
CRRSH

BAWAKOOM
BY THE GODDESS...
THAT'S GOTTA HURT.
IDIOTS! THEY'LL DESTROY US ALL!

THE AMULET! NOOO!!
KILL! KILL EVERYONE!!
KILLL--
AAAAAAAH!
SONJA! GRAB MY HAND!
I DON'T KNOW WHAT WILL HAPPEN NEXT, MY FRIEND, BUT IT'S BEEN...
IT'S BEEN A NIGHT I'LL NEVER FORGET.
SHE'S COMING FOR YOU, PETER.
I CAN FEEL IT.

MJ...
IS IT...IS IT REALLY YOU?
IT BETTER BE *ME* YOU'RE KISSING, TIGER!
YES, YOU HAVE WHAT YOU WANT, SPIDER. AND ONE DAY...ONE DAY SO WILL WE...


ROBBIE, WHAT IN BLAZES? WHAT ARE WE DOING HERE?
WHAT HAPPENED TO THE MUSEUM?
LAST THING I REMEMBER, I WAS AT THE *BUGLE* OFFICE...
POST-TRAUMATIC STRESS DISORDER?
WELL, WHATEVER HAPPENED, IT'S SPIDER-MAN'S FAULT!
I DON'T KNOW, JONAH. MASS HALLUCINATIONS WERE NEVER HIS THING...
UNTIL TODAY! WHO KNOWS WHAT CRAZY POWERS HE HAS!
WHAT? WHERE'S YOUR PROOF?
PROOF? HE'S A *MENACE!* THAT'S A FACT, AND WE PRINT FACTS, ROBBIE!
=SIGH=

HYBORIA...
UUGGH...
WHAT IN...
A STRANGE REMINDER OF AN EVEN STRANGER BATTLE.
GATH...I MAY BE HOME, BUT THIS IS FAR FROM OVER.

PETER, YOU'RE BEING SO SWEET. OKAY, YOU CAN'T FOOL THIS REDHEAD. WHAT DID YOU DO WRONG?
THE BAFFLING ENERGY VORTEX HAS SEEMINGLY DISSIPATED. AND NEW YORKERS WHO FLED THE UNIDENTIFIED WALL OF LIGHT ARE RETURNING TO FIND THEIR HOMES JUST AS THEY LEFT THEM.
AUTHORITIES ARE CURRENTLY INVESTIGATING THE CAUSE OF THE UNEXPLAINED DISTURBANCE
MEANWHILE, IN OTHER NEWS. SENATOR BRYAN GLASS HAS RESIGNED FROM OFFICE, SAYING IN AN OFFICIAL RELEASE THAT HE IS RETIRING FROM THE "EVILS OF POLITICS" TO SPEND MORE TIME WITH HIS FAMILY...
OH. FOUGHT SOME CRIME, SAVED THE WORLD WITH A WAR-MAIDEN IN A CHAIN MAIL BIKINI. HAD MY BLOOD SACRIFICED TO AN EGO-MANIAC WITH A SKIN CONDITION...
...YOU KNOW, THE USUAL.
WELL. DID YOU DO SOMETHING TO TICK OFF JONAH?
NAH, IT DOESN'T MATTER, MJ. THE WHOLE WIDE WORLD DOESN'T MATTER. ALL THAT MATTERS NOW IS ME AND YOU.
WAIT A MINUTE... CHAIN MAIL BIKINI?!
THE END?

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